State of California CEQA#7632 **Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research

1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

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PROJECT TITLE: Henry Cowell Controlled Stack and Burn Project COUNTY: Santa Cruz

PROJECT LOCATION; Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, Graham Hill Road and Lockwood Lane

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project will stack and burn 15 acres of sandhills chaparral in Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park to perpetuate the unique vegetative and wildlife community found on this unusual substrate.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Santa Cruz District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Χ

> Section: 15304 Class: 4

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature trees except for forestry purposes and is included as "prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR Section 15300.4

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